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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated January 13, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on August 19, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** begins on page 5 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.

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